

Lincoln Tower

Herrick Archives Number 271

A. IDENTIFICATION & LOCATION

1. Name

1.1 Officially named "Abraham Lincoln Tower" by Board of Trustees on November 11, 1965, in memory of President Abraham Lincoln.

1.2 Alternate names noted:

Built under University Architect's project number A 6416. Name on drawings is "Olentangy River Dormitory". Lincoln is Building No. 2 of this group, and Morrill (272) is Building No. 1. The term "River Tower Dormitory 2" has been noted.

Lincoln and Morrill (272) Towers are frequently referred to as the "River Towers", the "River Dorms", and the "West Dorms".

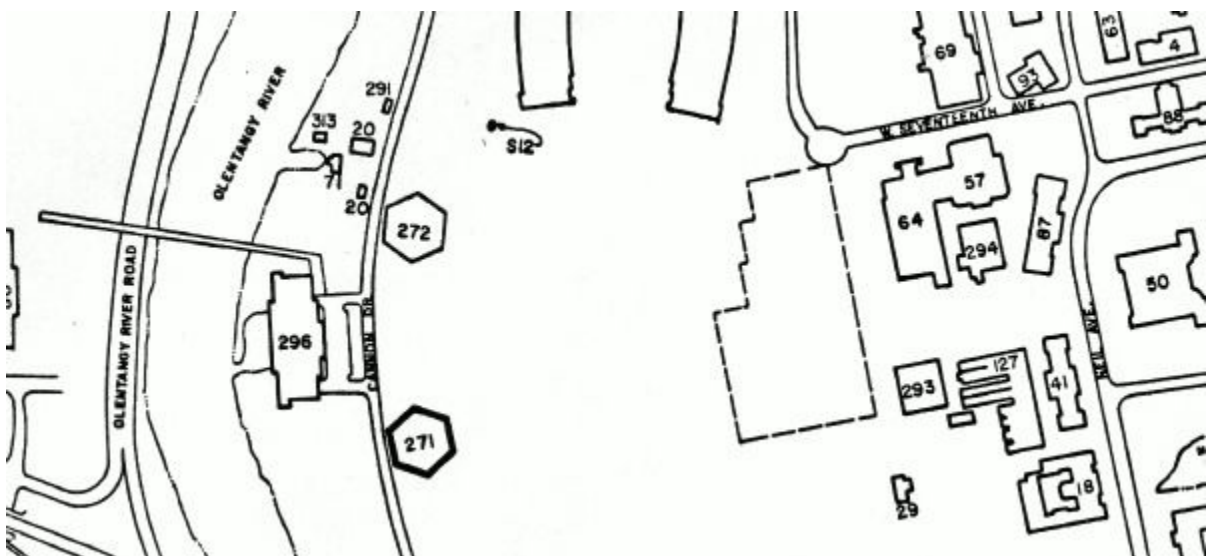
See Addenda Nos. 3, 4

2. Location

2.1 Located at 1800 Cannon Drive. See map below.

See Addenda Nos. 2,5

2.2 For greater detail, see Sheets 94 and 95 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.



For identification of other buildings shown, see Appendix A.

3. General Description

3.1 Type of construction:

Reinforced concrete frame with brick and concrete exterior.

3.2 No. of stories:

Twenty-six stories.

3.3 Increments of construction:

No additions--entire building constructed at one time.

3.4 Present area of building as shown in inventory records of Division of Campus Planning:

307,484 sq. ft gross;

221,574 sq. ft. net assignable

See Addendum No. 7

3. 5 Volume of building:

3,340,800 cu. ft. (PP)

B. PLANNING & CONSTRUCTION

1. On December 10, 1964 the Ohio State University Housing Commission approved the plans and related documents prepared by Schooley, Cornelius, Schooley, and authorized the solicitation of bids by contractors. These actions were reported to the Board of Trustees on March 11, 1965.

2. Bids were received on March 2, 1965 (T).

3. On March 4, 1965 the Ohio State University Housing Commission awarded contracts to the following contractors:

General: George F. Driscoll Co.

Electrical: Gustav-Hirsch Organization, Inc.

Heating & ventilating: Limback Co.

Plumbing: Huffman-Wolfe Co.

Kitchen equipment: S. Blickman, Inc.

These awards were reported to the Board of Trustees on March 11, 1965.

4. Beginning of work:

Ground breaking ceremonies were held March 29, 1965 (L 3/30/65).

5. Completion and occupancy:

An open house was held August 8, 1967 celebrating the official completion (L 8/10/67).

The building opened for dormitory use at the beginning of the Autumn Quarter 1967 (H).

C. MISCELLANEOUS

See Addenda Nos. 1,2

During the first two years, some academic departments used some of the rooms for office and related uses

(P). With these exceptions, the building has been used as a coeducational dormitory (H).

D. COST

According to John Stottlemeyer, Residence Hall Accountant, the Lincoln and Morrill Towers are carried at \$16,973,663. Approximately half of this total would be attributable to each building.

E. PHOTOGRAPHS

1. In Photoarchives:

The building on the left in Air Photo 481.

2. Other:

L 12/1/66 L 8/10/67

M 61: 52 (April 1970)

John H. Herrick
October 25, 1972

ADDENDUM NO. 1

Change of Use

The building was converted to office use for 1972-73.

John H. Herrick
January 16, 1973

ADDENDUM NO. 2

The address of Buildings 271/2 during construction was 1800 Stadium Dormitory Drive.

See M 59:15 (July, 1968) for story on fire in this building.

See S 39 and S 43 f-r gas house and storm lift station, respectively, serving Buildings 271 and 272.

Extensive remodeling of the lower 14 floors of this building for administrative office use was authorized by the Board of Trustees in March, 1975, and work is still in process.

John H. Herrick
February 5, 1976

ADDENDUM NO. 3

The Board of Trustees on July 9, 1976 named the top nine floors "Lincoln House."

John H. Herrick
March 16, 1977

ADDENDUM NO. 4

A current bulletin relative to traffic at the opening of the next quarter refers to Buildings 271 and 272 as "Olentangy Residence Halls."

John H. Herrick
September 13, 1979

ADDENDUM NO. 5

Part of this building shows on Sheet 107 in the book of campus maps in the University Archives.

John H. Herrick
October 26, 1979

ADDENDUM NO. 6

This building shows in Photograph X 25042.

John H. Herrick
December 31, 1979

ADDENDUM NO. 7

Campus Planning records now show the following areas for this building:

306,867 sq. ft. gross
219,388 sq. ft. net assignable

John H. Herrick
February 7, 1985